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# The West Virginia Law School Association

## Alumni Day Meeting

The Honorable Michael A. Musmanno, Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, is scheduled to be Alumni Day speaker at the College of Law on Saturday, June 3, 1961, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. (EDT). Immediately thereafter he will be a guest at the University Alumni Luncheon. Alumni and friends of the College of Law are invited to hear this distinguished jurist, author, veteran of two World Wars and member of the International War Crimes Tribunal in Nuremberg.

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## Some Association Projects

The Association makes two annual West Virginia Law Review awards, maintains a revolving student loan fund, assists in financing student participation in the National Moot Court Competition, arranges an annual reception for first year law students, and otherwise promotes projects and activities in keeping with the Association's constitutional objects and purposes. These Association programs are financed from membership dues, gifts and contributions expended under direction of the Board of Governors.

Judges and lawyers are invited to become Association members and to share and participate actively in these projects and activities.



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## Editors' Memo

The *West Virginia Law Review* announces the election of Arthur Mark Recht of Wheeling, West Virginia, as Editor-in-Chief for the 1961-62 academic year.

Professor Londo Brown of the College of Law returns to the pages of the *Review* with an article on various aspects of joint tenancies in the real property law of West Virginia. Basically, the article is a concise review of the characteristics of joint ownership with particular emphasis on the applicable West Virginia law. It is a common conclusion that, compared to other areas of the law, the rules of property are well-fixed. Professor Brown's offering should serve as a handy refresher course and a welcome reminder that, even in the supposedly stable law of property, there are some particulars that remain quite unsettled. The lead article by M. Donald Wright, a former associate editor of the *Review*, deals with the evolution of the doctrine of advancements and its present status in West Virginia. There are instances where modern law has pushed this doctrine beyond the rationale which justified its foundation, and these points of the doctrine are saliently criticized.

Serious financial consequences will probably result if real estate developers use the device of multiple corporations simply for tax benefits. This possibility is graphically posed by the student note on the income tax aspects of real estate developments by multiple corporations. The second student note turns to one of the many problems connected with the jury system, the secrecy of jury deliberations.

We are grateful to an attorney from Huntington, West Virginia, for providing us with an important case which is the subject of the abstract at page 293. The ruling of the federal district court should be of special interest to those who consider taking cases before administrative agencies. The West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals, in a case of first impression, has given full faith and credit to an Illinois judgment based upon an extraterritorial service of process statute of that state. The attention of our readers is directed to the student comment on this case (page 269) which reflects a general tendency to liberalize jurisdictional requirements and techniques.

The College of Law is indebted to a number of groups for the assistance they render in support of programs designed to improve the scholastic preparation of its students. Prominent among these groups is The West Virginia Law School Association, whose annual information and solicitation page appears in this issue. The *Review* expresses its gratitude to the Association, and commends membership therein to all friends of the law school.

*The Editors*